

# DRALE, SCHWAB, BENSTEAD ELECTED

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# Seizure of Steel Mills Halts Threatened Strike

## Columbia Plant Running 'Normal'

Torrance's 1250 steelworkers had a new boss yesterday. U. S. Secretary of Commerce Sawyer.

Production at Columbia Steel Co. here was reported "running normal" after a threatened strike was halted late Tuesday when President Truman ordered government seizure of the steel industry.

Steelworkers were ready to make the last tap in the open hearth here late Tuesday and leave the mill at midnight.

Vic Teer, president of United Steelworkers of America, Local 1414, notified members of the union late Tuesday that he had received orders from USA-CIO President Philip Murray to "stay on the job."

The order came just an hour before Eastern mills were scheduled to start shutting down.

Three of the huge furnaces at Columbia had been "tapped" and were being cooled down in anticipation of the strike, officials reported. The union had agreed to maintain a fire watch and emergency crew in the mill to prevent any possible damage to equipment.

Orders to stay on the job, however, arrived before the walkout hour and production was continued.

The steel industry is challenging the legality of the seizure order.

Troops Warned to Get Scout-O-Rama Booths

Boy Scout Troops and other Scout units of this area were warned today that if they wish their booth for the Scout-O-Rama, to be held in the Los Angeles Coliseum June 6 and 7, to be located in the section assigned to this Scout district, they must make their reservations before April 15.

According to Robert J. Cheney, chairman of the Los Angeles Area Boy Scout Council commissioner staff, deadline for holding district commitments for the big show is next Tuesday. Although reservations will still be accepted after that date, Cheney stated, late-comers may find their booths in a different part of the Coliseum than that of their own district.

Miss Your Herald?

If for any reason you fail to receive your Torrance Herald on Sunday or Thursday mornings by 9 a.m. and you cannot reach your regular carrier, please call the Herald office, Torrance 444. On Thursdays please call between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.; on Sundays between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. A special delivery will be made without charge.

## Telephone Operator, Pals Booked On Robbery Charge

A young Torrance telephone operator and two young male confederates were jailed in Santa Ana Friday on suspicion of robbery, following holdups in Lomita, Costa Mesa and Bellflower.

In custody are Patsy Jean Peterson, 19, 1961 Plaza Del Amo, alleged to be driver of the getaway car; Donald E. Tucker, 19, transient, and Richard P. Farrell, 25, of Bell.

Police officers nabbed the suspects in Santa Ana at 2:10 a.m. Friday after a radio message asking aid in halting a car and occupants wanted for armed robbery alerted patrol cars.

Less than two hours earlier, a seven-year-old gas station at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita, was robbed by two young men, and a third party, a blond girl, reportedly was driving the car.

A Santa Ana holdup at 9:23 p.m. occurred during which a young service station attendant, on his way home with the day's receipts, was waylaid and forced to hand over the cash, police report.

It was from a description given by this victim that alert deputies nabbed the three suspects.

TEAC to Meet Next Monday

Members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee will meet Monday, April 14, at the Ding How Cafe, 1652 Cabrillo Ave., for the regular monthly meeting of the group.

Under discussion by a panel of two citizens, a teacher, and an administrator, will be the topic: "Shall We Teach Writing or Printing?"

Reservations may be made by calling the superintendent's secretary at Torrance 2111, according to Grace Wright, moderator.

## Bamby, Only 6 Months Old, Wins Ribbons, Cups Galore

Little Bamby XV is only six months old, but already she has made a name for herself.

Bamby XV is a little Chihuahua puppy who makes home with the Alfred W. Mobras at 17040 Atkinson Ave.

Last Sunday, Mary Mobras entered the little lass in the American Kennel Club show in Glendale. Bamby, who was born Sept. 20, 1951, walked off with the first prize for novice class, first prize for class winners, and a ribbon and plaque as best of breed.

In one show, Bamby XV collected three of the 15 valuable points needed to be declared a championship dog.

She'll have another chance a week from Sunday, April 20, when she will be entered in the Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club's All Breed Show and obedience trials.

The Mobras are understandably elated over the prizes won by their puppy—it's the first time the puppy has been shown, and it is the first time the Mobras have shown a dog.

Expect Hundreds For Wednesday's Chamber Banquet

Entertainers, pianists and several surprise features have been cooked up to go with the bill of fare for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet next Wednesday evening in the Civic Auditorium.

The Merry Mechanics, a tuneful foursome; piano duos and surprise features throughout the evening were promised yesterday by Dale Isenberg, secretary of the local C. of C.

Several distinguished guests are slated to attend the affair, Isenberg said. Congressman Cecil R. King and County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby are expected, as is an official from Pakistan, who will be introduced at the banquet.

"This is going to be a night of gay entertainment, not windy speeches," Isenberg promised.

Entertainment and surprise features will be provided by the Land Title Insurance Co. and the Title Insurance and Trust Co., Isenberg reported.

The dinner begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are selling for \$3.50 a plate. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will serve a prime rib dinner.

More than 500 tickets are currently being sold, according to the Chamber secretary said, indicating that it should be a "record affair."

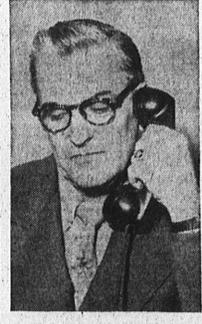
## THE FINAL TALLY

(Complete Precinct Tally on Page 3)

For MEMBER of the CITY COUNCIL	Vote for Three
NICKOLAS O. DRALE Incumbent	2658
MERVIN M. SCHWAB Foreman	2371
VICTOR E. BENSTEAD, JR.	2195
ALBERT ISEN Attorney at Law	2067
EDWIN S. KARLOW Incumbent	1915
JACK E. WHITE Engineer	1837
BOB L. HAGGARD Incumbent	1350
GEORGE W. DOWNING Accountant	686
For CITY TREASURER (Short Term)	Vote for One
HARRIET V. BEECH Incumbent	3466



NICKOLAS DRALE  
... 2658 Votes



MERVIN M. SCHWAB  
... 2371 Votes



VICTOR BENSTEAD  
... 2195 Votes

## Vote Unseats Bob Haggard, Edwin Karlow

Forty-seven per cent of the voters in Torrance went to the polls Tuesday and elected Nick Drale, Mervin M. Schwab and Victor Benstead to represent them as councilmen for the next four years.

Looming now as the next big development in the election story is the question: "Who will be mayor?"

Popping out of the political rumor mill is a bit of speculation which narrows the mayor field to Willys Blount, a hold-over member of the council, and Nick Drale who was top man in Tuesday's balloting.

The final tally, exclusive of 34 absentee ballots, was:

Drale	2658
Schwab	2371
Benstead	2195
Isen	2067
Karlow	1915
White	1837
Haggard	1350
Downing	686

Less than half of the 11,008 registered voters, or 5136 to be exact, went to the polls and voted.

Mrs. Harriett Leech running unopposed for city treasurer received 3466 votes.

Indicating considerable voting strength were the church, people of Torrance, who undoubtedly were responsible for the election of Schwab, Schwab, a former president of the Torrance Council of Churches, received the endorsement of the ministers of seven local churches. His election sent a wedge into the TUT ticket. Drale and Benstead were two members of the ticket. Al Isen being the third member.

The old council consisting of Blount and Harvey B. Spelrian, both of whom have two more years on the council, and Drale, Edwin Karlow and Mayor Bob L. Haggard were to have met Wednesday night as this paper was going to press, to canvass the absentee ballots.

Regardless of the voting of the absentee voters it will not affect the present outcome of the election.

The council adjourned until April 15 when the entire ballot will be canvassed, the winners declared and the oath of office administered to the new councilmen and treasurer.

By way of recapitulation, the three TUT candidates carried the four precincts, in Walteria and Pacific Hills. Drale was second behind Jack White, president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. in the four North Torrance precincts.

The 18 precincts in central Torrance went for Drale, Schwab, Benstead, Isen, Karlow and White, in that order.

In Hollywood Riviera-Seaside area the nine precincts there went for White, Schwab and Karlow as the three top men with Drale, Isen and Benstead following in that order.

Commenting on the outcome, Schwab, a general foreman at the pottery division of American-Standard plant, said:

"I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the citizens of Torrance for their expression of confidence in me as shown by their vote."

"As their councilman I shall endeavor to live up to all they have a right to expect from a public servant."

Drale made a similar statement to those gathered at the city hall Tuesday night watching the tally of the votes as they arrived from the 35 precincts within the city.

Benstead, an employee of Columbia Steel, was not readily available for comment.

## More Sprinkles Today Says WM

Slightly cooler today with scattered light showers bringing nearly .35 inch of rain," is the official weather bureau forecast for today. But regarding Easter Sunday: "That's anybody's guess this early in the week," said the old weather prophet late yesterday afternoon.

First of the week showers brought .18 inch of rain to the area, bringing the year's total to 6:30 in, as compared with 6.58 for 1951.

## SUPPLY DEPOT FIRE DAMAGES DUMP TRUCK

A truck fire at the Naval Supply Depot brought fire trucks from all directions yesterday morning, but Navy firefighters had the flames extinguished before Torrance firemen arrived.

The fire was reported as a blaze of unknown type in building 10. Fire Chief J. J. Bener said that sparks from a welding rig apparently ignited the truck.

Two Receive Injuries In Keystone Mishap

Ray De Nuno, 28, of 1629 W. 204th St., driver, and Jessie B. Runston, 62, Los Angeles, passenger in a car driven by Theodore V. Runston, 57, of Los Angeles, received minor injuries in a collision at Alameda St. and Del Amo Blvd., according to the California Highway Patrol.

## Annual Good Friday Services Tomorrow

Traditional three-hour services commemorating Good Friday will be held in the Civic Auditorium beginning at 12 noon tomorrow under the auspices of the Torrance Council of Churches.

Rev. Paul Wenske, pastor of the First Lutheran Church and president of the council, will preside at the services.

Seven ministers of Torrance churches will speak on the Seven Words of Christ at the annual service.

Ministers who will speak during the three-hour observance include Rev. Clarence E. Miller, Rev. C. M. Northrup, Rev. Homer H. Miller, Rev. Edwin Bowling, Rev. F. A. Brunson, Rev. Cecil J. England and Rev. Arthur E. Bello.

The services are open to the public, Rev. Wenske said.

## City Eyes New Air Raid Warning System

The eyes and the ears, especially the ears, of the nation may soon turn toward Torrance. It could be, if the city council concurs in the recommendation of George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense, that Torrance will be the first city in the nation to install and test a revolutionary new air raid warning system.

The new warning device was conceived by a local inventor, Victor H. Chatten, 1563 W. 215th St., who has promised he would arrange it so that the first demonstration would be held in Torrance.

Simpler, less costly and definitely more alerting methods is Chatten's device. It consists of a double barreled launcher from which a rocket is fired into the air. The rocket screams a warning note as it climbs to 1000 feet. There it explodes with three blasts which inventor Chatten claims can be heard over an area of 113 square miles. Torrance is only 18.8 square miles in area.

"I would suggest," says Powell, "that we install one launching device at each of the three Torrance fire stations. The city would then be triple covered."

Chatten says the three installations can be effected for approximately \$1500.

Using present methods, namely sirens and air horns, Powell estimates it would cost the city at least \$4000 to accomplish the same effect that the three

launchers would achieve.

"At present we have eight siren locations in mind. These would have to be connected either by direct wire or by some other means of communication to personnel who would touch off the alarm. This is bound to be a costly installation."

"And another thing," boasts Chatten about his warning device, "while the big sirens are starting to spin and gather speed, this device will be fired and the people alerted long before the sirens reach full speed and effectiveness."

"If an attack should come, it is not unlikely that it will be guided missiles traveling at high speeds. Under such conditions seconds are precious," says

the inventor.

Powell is looking at the device with another thought in mind. By slight changes, the device might also be used to alert disaster workers, the Red Cross, off-duty fire and policemen in the event of a disaster other than an air attack.

Little danger is attached to the firing of one of the rockets, Chatten claims. The cartridge is made of asbestos paper which disintegrates when the aerial blast lets go. The pieces, made of fireproof material, flutter slowly earthward, landing without harm to people or property.

One city official said it would be worth the price just for the publicity the city would receive if the first test in the nation were made here.



PRIZE WINNER . . . Little Bamby sits in her favorite wicker basket surrounded by ribbons which she brought home from the Glendale Dog Show Sunday. She lives with the Alfred Mobras at 17040 Atkinson Ave.